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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KOBAYASHI et al

Serial No.: 10/670,316

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM

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) Confirmation No. 5336
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) Examiner: Ben Lewis
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) Art Unit: 1745
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)STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW OF NOVEMBER 19, 2007Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450VIA FACSIMILE
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the "Interview Summary" for the interview of November 19, 2007.

A personal interview by the undersigned attorney with Examiners Lewis and Ryan was conducted on November 19, 2007.

1. Brief Description of any exhibit shown or demonstration conducted

None.

2. Identification of claims discussed

Claims 1-6 and 22-24 were discussed.

3. Identification of specific prior art discussed

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4. Identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature

1. Add recitation of a hydrogen concentration sensor; and
2. Correct the claim language "reducing the supply pressure by closing the discharge valve...".

5. A brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner

See the remarks of the accompanying "Supplemental Amendment."

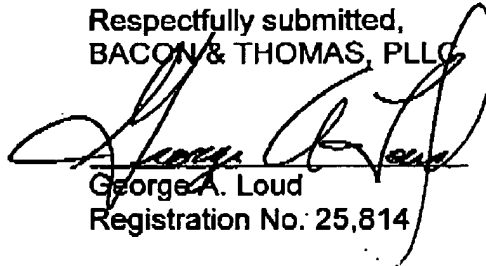
6. A general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed

None

7. The general results or outcome of the interview.

See the Interview Summary form and the remarks of the accompanying "Supplemental Amendment."

Respectfully submitted,
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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/670,316	KOBAYASHI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Ben Lewis	1795	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ben Lewis.

(3) Pat Ryan.

(2) George Loud.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: _____.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-6 and 22-24.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 2003/0035986 A1.

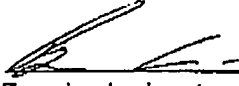
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner agreed with Applicant to withdraw new matter rejection issued in office action dated 9/7/07. Examiner and Applicants representative agreed to proposed amendment to the independent claims which would indicate a hydrogen concentration sensor.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required